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No criminal responsibility for sushi driver

COURT The man who killed two women and injured six others when he drove into a Maple Ridge sushi restaurant has been found not criminally responsible for his actions.

Brian Irving, 51, will be remanded in a psychiatric facility.

Irving, who is said to have been suffering from alcohol withdrawal and has undergone brain surgery, drove into Halu Sushi in August 2008.

Psychiatric assessments have been ordered to determine what risk Irving presents, and what treatments could minimize that risk.

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Wearing the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch relay outfit, Greek torchbearer Vassilis Dimitriadis receives an olive branch from Greek actress Maria Nafpliotou, playing the role of the high priestess. The Olympic Flame was lit on Thursday during a ceremony in the Ancient Stadium in Ancient Olympia, Greece.

Olympic flame on way to Vancouver

Lit torch to be handed to 2010 officials after 7-day Greece relay

The 2010 Olympic torch was lit Thursday by the rays of a scorching Grecian sun beating down into a mirror during a theatrical and symbolic ceremony attended by dignitaries and tourists.

The drama, amid the ruins of the site of the ancient Olympic Games, was lit in the Temple of Hera by an actress playing a high priestess.

She said a prayer to Apollo, the Greek god of sun, asking him to "send your rays and light the sacred torch for the hospitable City of Vancouver."

The prayer also asked Zeus to "give peace to all peoples on Earth and wreath the winners of the sacred race."

With the presentation of an olive branch and the release of a white dove, the torch departed with a Greek runner, the start of a seven-day historic relay through Greece.

It will then be handed over to Vancouver 2010 officials next week and flown to Canada for a 45,000-kilometre, 106-day trek criss-crossing the country before culminating with the start of the Winter Games in February.

"When you see it actually lit and he runs out, you know it's here. The Games are coming."
Premier Campbell

The ceremony moved many of the dignitaries in attendance who have been planning the Games for years.

"When you see it actually lit and he runs out, you know it's here," said B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell.

"The Games are coming."

Added Vancouver mayor Gregor Robertson: "It feels very real. Being here in the cradle of ancient Greece makes it as real as it could be."

The Flame arrives in Victoria on Oct. 30.

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Clarification to be sought on polygamy laws

CONSTITUTION B.C.'s attorney general yesterday said he won't be appealing a recent court ruling quashing polygamy charges against two men from Bountiful because Canadian laws surrounding polygamy need clarification.

Instead, Michael de Jong said he'll be asking the B.C. Supreme Court to decide whether Section 293 of the Criminal Code, which outlaws polygamy, is constitutional.

"To appeal the court's ruling … would be inadvisable while questions persist concerning the constitutionality of Section 293 of the Criminal Code," de Jong said.

In September, the Supreme Court quashed charges against Winston Blackmore and James Oler, who were charged with having more than one wife.

The men argued the charges violated their rights to religious freedom.

De Jong said he'll ask the court to determine if Section 293 is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and whether polygamy laws should address relationships between consenting adults or just minors.

Kasari Govender, legal director of West Coast LEAF — a women's rights organization — said this is a step in the right direction.

"(This) will allow the court to focus on the equality and human rights of women and children in Bountiful," said Govender.

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Who should light the fire?

In addition to Terry Fox's mother, Metro readers also think that either Prime Minister Stephen Harper or hockey legend Wayne Gretzky should be chosen to light the Olympic Cauldron in February. Go to metronews.ca or send a tweet at @vancouvermetro to vote on who you think should get the honour.

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BOOK Retired NHL player Theo Fleury was in Vancouver Thursday night to sign copies of his book at the Chapters on South Granville. He shares his story of alcoholism and of being sexually abused in the book Playing With Fire.

LOCKDOWN Students at Langley's Willoughby Elementary were under lockdown yesterday while RCMP investigated an anonymous report of several individuals with weapons at a nearby yard. The lockdown lasted about an hour. Two men were arrested.

RIGHTS WORKSHOP UBC's Student Legal Fund Society has teamed up with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association to host workshops to train students in rights protection and legal observation for the upcoming Olympic Games.

JOHN SCHOOL Abbotsford police are giving 10 men arrested during a recent sex-trade sting — nicknamed Project Harvest Moon — a chance to avoid charges by going to "John School."

BABY DEATHS The B.C. government will announce that it is expanding a program designed to prevent shaken baby deaths and injuries to foster parents caring for children under three at a press conference in Vancouver Friday.

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'We are not the sign police'

Chief addresses 2010 concerns

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People will be free to protest the 2010 Games and will not be arrested for having anti-Olympic signs posted in their windows, the Vancouver's police chief said yesterday.

In a statement Thursday morning to "clear the air," Chief Const. Jim Chu said critics and media had painted a "dire picture" of supposed police actions during the Games.

"The scenarios that are described, sometimes simply in an effort to generate fear and conflict, are becoming ridiculous," Chu said.

Protesters will not be penned or corralled into protest zones and people will not be jailed for anti-Olympic signs in their windows, he said.

Earlier this month, a pair of anti-Olympic activists launched a lawsuit against Vancouver for bylaws aimed at combating guerilla marketing, but which the activists say infringes on charter freedoms.

"The VPD has no intention of entering any Vancouver residence of a sign issue during the Games," Chu said. "We are not the sign police."

The City of Vancouver is responsible for enforcing signage bylaws, and Chu said he has been assured that the city will not focus on any signs that are personal or political in nature.

To have a sign removed, the city would have to obtain a warrant through the courts. Even then, he said, police would only stand by to ensure that peace is maintained.

Ride **Fighting cancer**

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Dozens of cyclists show they have Strength in Numbers — the slogan for The Ride to Conquer Cancer — at a promotional event in downtown Vancouver on Thursday. It launched the 2010 Ride, which in its first two years raised more than $40 million across Canada for cancer research, treatment and care.

HandyDart drivers give strike notice

DISABLED Many people with physical or mental disabilities could be left stranded if the Lower Mainland's 500 HandyDart drivers walk off the job as soon as Monday.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1724 filed a 72-hour strike notice on Thursday. Trips for renal dialysis and cancer treatments would continue.

"We know that it will be a hardship," said Tyler Felbel, a member of the union executive.

"Naturally, we regret having to inconvenience them. In the course of our work, we get to know our customers and we really care about their needs."

Despite negotiating for more than 10 months, the union and its employer, MVT Canadian Bus, are still well apart on issues like a pension plan and wages, which Felbel said are the lowest in the transit system.

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Police seek missing teenage couple

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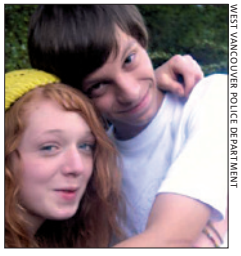
Police say they're worried for a teenage couple from West Vancouver who appear to have run away together last week, because there's been no cellphone, bank or Internet activity since then.

Alexander Nassim Carter and Calista Fanthorpe, both 15, were last seen on Oct. 15 at Horseshoe Bay, Det. Fred Harding said yesterday.



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Alexander Nassim Carter and Calista Fanthorpe

He said family and friends indicated the pair spoke of plans to run away together to live in the Okanagan or the Kootenays.

"This lack of activity has increased the concern for their safety," Harding said.

The teenagers may have made their way to the interior, the Sunshine Coast or Vancouver Island via a Greyhound bus or other means of public transit.

"The teens are asked to contact a family member, the police or someone whom they trust to give an indication that they are safe," said Harding.

Anyone with information is asked to call 604-925-7300.

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World of Science dome going green with LED lights

The Telus World of Science's dome, which is usually illuminated with hundreds of lightbulbs, is going dark for a few months. Nearly 260 of its bulbs are being replaced with energy-efficient LED lights in an effort to go greener. METRO VANCOUVER

Sacrifice for a home

It seems Vancouverites are willing to do a lot to get into their first home — except give up their cars, a report from Genworth Financial Canada indicates.

Seventy-six per cent of Vancouver residents surveyed said they would be willing to delay major purchases if it meant owning their own home. Fifty per cent said they would give up a vacation.

Only 31 per cent said they would give up their car.

Stephen Dupuis, president and CEO of the Building Industry & Land Development Association, said the lengths to which Vancouverites will go to own or keep their homes varies depending on the situation.

"It's fascinating how much people are attached to their cars," Dupuis said. "It's an interesting social statement."

But for most, owning a home is a symbol of financial and emotional security.

"Once you get that equity, once you're mortgage-free, that's your retirement, that's your nest egg," Dupuis said.

"But there's also the emotional part — that's where you start your family."

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Word on the Street: Will you be doing anything special for the Vancouver Canucks vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game this Saturday?

Sophie LaBoissonnière
age 18, Richmond
A: I'm sitting down, watching the game, having my Canucks Jersey on that my boyfriend bought for me. I might ... watch this entire game."

Christine Jarman
age 21, North Vancouver
A: Not anything out of the ordinary except munchies, some beer, hanging with my friends and watching the game with my boyfriend, and hopefully the Canucks will beat the Leafs."

Kyle Otsuji
age 22, Vancouver
A: I am probably going to go to my neighbour's house and watch the game on his big screen — he has a bigger TV than me and cable."

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Southern Death Threat

Southern Death Threat was formed in early 2005 by guitarist\songwriter Brennan Eyles. Eyles came up with the name of the group on his way to a New York Yankees baseball game in Seattle. "I was watching CNN and the US was engaging in conflicts with North Korea, and Iraq. With all the nuclear ambitions and the US being bully's it made sense." says Eyles. After auditioning numerous musicians and singers, Eyles found his match with the current lineup. New lead singer Nick Oszinski has a powerful voice. Drummer Scotty McCargar (Bif Naked) beats the skins and is considered one of the best. Bass player Howard 'howie hammer' Humenick completes this aggressive 4 piece. With an explosive live show SDT gives fans a reason to rock out. *Bottom line: Southern Death Threat is a force to be reckoned with!*

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Dad believed wife cheated

Allan Schoenborn doubted murdered son was even his

A B.C. father who admitted to killing his three children testified at his first-degree murder trial Thursday that he believed the children's mother cheated on him repeatedly and he questioned whether their youngest child was his.

Allan Schoenborn is on trial for three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Kaitlynne, 10, Max, 8, and Cordon, 5.

He has recounted the killings in his testimony in B.C. Supreme Court, saying he believed they were being molested and that he killed them to protect them from lives of drugs and sexual abuse.

Defence lawyers are arguing that the killings were the result of mental illness, and on Wednesday painted Schoenborn as a loving but extremely paranoid father.

Prosecutors, however, contend the killings were an act of vengeance against the children's mother, from whom Schoenborn was separated.

Two psychiatrists have observed Schoenborn's testimony and will provide expert opinion on his mental state later in the trial.

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UBC student group breaking from national association

SCHOOL UBC's student association will bid farewell to the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, a national student lobby group, in April, it announced yesterday.

UBC's Alma Mater Society, Canada's largest student association, will then remain independent for at least one year and focus more on provincial issues, said society president Blake Frederick.

"It was in council's opinion that we do not have sufficient influence over the lobbying priorities and also over the general direction of the organization to justify the level of investment that we put into the organization," said Frederick.

Frederick also pointed out that while AMS wants to fight causes at the provincial level, CASA is more concerned with federal matters.

"We do not have sufficient influence over the lobbying priorities ... to justify the level of investment that we put into the organization."
Blake Frederick, UBC AMS president

AMS makes up about 20 per cent of CASA's membership, but Frederick said the lobby group's one-organization, one-vote rule curtails AMS's agenda-setting ability.

After a year of independence, AMS will re-evaluate whether it wants to align with another student lobby group, such as the Canadian Federation of Students.

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FRAUD Delta Police are looking for two fraudsters who are approaching businesses and homes asking people for money. The man and woman usually make up a story about having their car towed or being locked out of their business.

PAYMENT A 19-year-old woman sexually abused by her father was awarded nearly $600,000 by a B.C. judge on Thursday, cknw.com reports. The father will be able to pay her after receiving an inheritance.

2010 TICKETS Premier Gordon Campbell defended yesterday the nearly $1 million the province spent buying Olympic tickets for MLAs. He said the tickets will be used to host visiting dignitaries and investors.

POLICE The 2010 Olympic headquarters could be the Vancouver police's new home in 2011, cknw.com reports. The VPD's 56-year-old building on Main Street is crowded and not earthquake-proof.

GAMING Video game icons Mario and Sonic are coming to Vancouver — sort of. The pair are featured in a video game for the Nintendo DS and Wii systems that has the characters competing in the 2010 Games.

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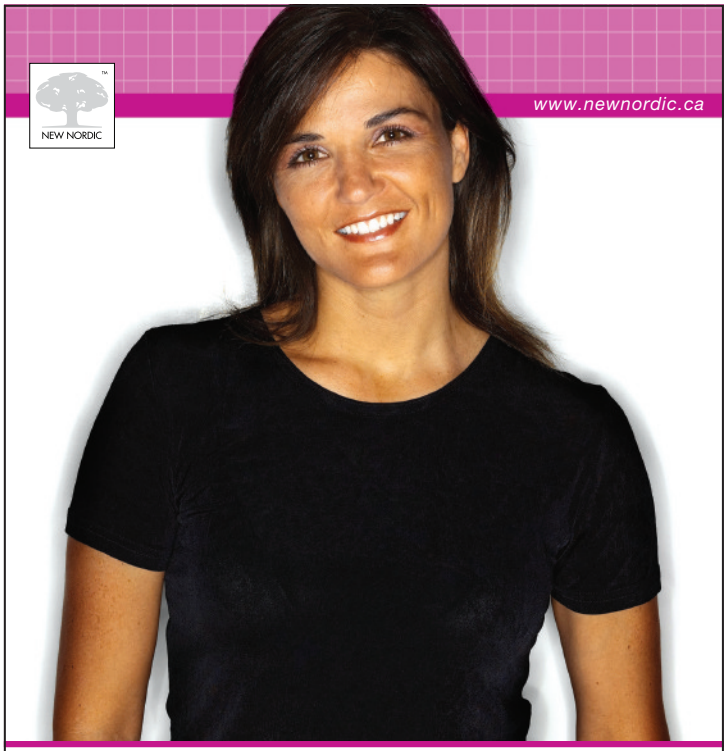

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Pulling troops won't end war, Hillier says

Ex-chief of defence staff warns of politicians' lies

Pulling Canadian soldiers from Afghanistan in 2011 will leave a gaping hole in security efforts and won't necessarily ensure the end of combat operations, former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier says.

As MPs prepare to debate the future of the country's military mission in Afghanistan, Hillier delivered some plain-spoken advice in an interview: don't trust the twisted rhetoric and outright lies that will surely be delivered by the Conservative government or opposition parties.

There will still be a need for security and counter-insurgency operations when Canada's current mandate expires in 2011, he said. If experienced Canadian troops leave Kanadhar, some other nation, likely less familiar with the local terrain and power brokers, will have to do the job.

Hillier also said there's no need for Canadian troops, except in Kandahar or the northeast, and there's no way Canada can carry out a goodwill mission without encountering frequent violence.

"If you stay in the south and try to do something like training, you will still be in combat. I don't care what (political) staffers say in the media about how they can find a way to do it. You simply will not. You will be in combat," Hillier said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reprisal

- The Conservative government looked at the possibility of taking day-to-day control of the mission in Kandahar away from the military and giving the authority to direct troops in the field to Canada's ambassador.

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Language law struck down

QUEBEC Canada's top court struck down a Quebec language law limiting immigrants' access to English school in a politically charged decision that quickly reverberated throughout the province Thursday.

It only took minutes for the Quebec government to respond with a promise to replace the law.

The province's separatist opposition even questioned the legitimacy of the Supreme Court of Canada, asking how "a court named by another nation" could possibly be allowed to dictate language policy in Quebec.

The debate was prompted by a Supreme Court ruling that called Bill 104 "excessive,"in a decision Thursday that actually upheld verdicts in two Quebec lower courts that threw out appeals.

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Toronto **PETA power**

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Starlet, B.C. native and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson put her star power to work hosting an intimate and exclusive gathering Thursday in support of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) at the trendy Ultra club in Toronto.

Protesters burn Bush effigy

MONTREAL As George W. Bush joked with a business crowd inside a historic hotel ballroom in Montreal Thursday, hundreds of people outside the room cheered while he was being burned in effigy.

Police in riot gear and others on horseback held back a crowd of hundreds, including several people who tossed shoes at the Queen Elizabeth hotel in a demonstration of disdain for the man speaking inside.

Two protesters tried forcing their way through the line of shield- and baton-carrying police, were wrestled to the ground, and arrested.

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Missionary faces sex rap

Charged over teenage boys

Authorities in the Dominican Republic have arrested a Canadian missionary on charges of sexually abusing teenage boys, a report says

The report in the online edition of the Dominican newspaper Hoy says Joao Jose Correira Duarte is a Portuguese-born orphanage administrator.

He was arrested Tuesday at a hotel in the resort city of Puerto Plata.

The report says he faces 12 sexual assault charges relating to the alleged abuse of teenage boys in neighbouring Haiti.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs would only confirm a Canadian citizen has been arrested and it released no other details.

Rolando Rosado Mateo, national drug control agency chief in the Dominican, says Duarte began working in Haiti in 1995. He was arrested under a Canadian warrant and was to be extradited to Canada.

The report in the Dominican newspaper says Duarte was also known as John.

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Haiti's plight

- Authorities have arrested a number of men in recent years accused of taking advantage of the deep poverty in Haiti to abuse children.
- Haiti has the highest incidence of HIV/AIDS outside of Africa. Sex tourism and lack of health education led to the beginning of the epidemic in the early 1980s.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Conservatives' rolling billboard rides the rails.

All aboard! Tory train is set to roll

PROMOTION Some Toronto-area commuters were to be taken for a ride Friday by the Economic Action Plan express. The Tory government has spent more than $46,000 to turn two GO train cars into rolling adverts for its stimulus spending program. Liberal MP Kirsty Duncan said the government is "fixated" on promoting itself. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

SEX CHANGE A 31-year-old transgendered New Brunswicker has been told he can't work for the Canadian military until he gets male genitals. He has already undergone two sex-change surgeries, but he can't afford the final $36,000 one unless he has a decent job. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa **Guiding the fight**

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Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq holds up an H1N1 Preparedness Guide as she responds to a question during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill Thursday.

Chief talks on native healing

Some wary of vaccine: Official

Cases of swine flu vaccine are being rushed to Manitoba's hardest-hit reserves, but a grand chief says some aboriginals won't participate in Canada's largest immunization campaign.

David Harper, who represents Manitoba's northern First Nations, said some feel the H1N1 vaccine has been pushed through too quickly, while others prefer to rely on traditional medicine.

"There are some that are reluctant," he said Thursday.

"They need more information ... There are some that are steadily going toward traditional medicine. There are certain medicines that can help you, that will not stop it, but ... will strengthen your immune system."

"There are some that are reluctant."
David Harper

Reluctance to get the vaccine concerns health officials who say Manitoba's aboriginals are among the most vulnerable to the virus and are most at risk of developing serious complications if infected.

Hundreds of volunteer health-care workers are now being mobilized and massive flu clinics are being scheduled to immunize around 64,000 aboriginals in northern Manitoba starting next week.

Those living in remote, fly-in communities are considered to be a top priority because of their experience last spring.

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Artifact may be world's earliest bill of rights

The British Museum says it will open negotiations with Iran over loaning them an ancient Babylonian artifact sometimes described as the world's earliest bill of rights. Spokeswoman Esme Wilson said that the museum was preparing to send a staffer to Tehran to discuss the Cyrus Cylinder, a 6th century B.C. artifact which carries an account by Cyrus, the king of Persia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Kidman: Hollywood not helping

Actress Nicole Kidman testified before a U.S. congressional panel on violence against women this week, conceding that Hollywood probably has contributed to the problem by portraying women as weak sex objects. Kidman testified before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that is considering legislation to deal with violence against women overseas through humanitarian relief efforts and grants to local organizations working on the problem. "I can't be responsible for all of Hollywood," Kidman said. "But I can certainly be responsible for my own career." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outraged women go after Berlusconi

More than 100,000 women have signed a petition saying they are offended by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi — an initiative launched by a newspaper after the premier made a sexist remark to an opposition politician.

Berlusconi, already under fire for his dalliances with young ladies, made the jab during a call in to a late-night talk show more than two weeks ago that featured, among other guests, Rosy Bindi, a 58-year-old former minister who dresses conservatively, wears glasses and has short, grey hair.

"You are always more beautiful than intelligent," Berlusconi told her.

She snapped back: "I'm not one of the women at your disposal."

Berlusconi's remark sparked outrage, and prompted three prominent Italian intellectuals to draft a feminist manifesto of sorts, stating that Berlusconi uses women's bodies for his political ends, denigrating women and democracy in the process.

Berlusconi's scandal began earlier this year when his wife announced she was divorcing him, citing his presence at the birthday party of an 18-year-old model and his decision to run former showgirls as candidates for European Parliament elections.

In the aftermath several women, including a prostitute, came forward with stories that they had been paid by a Berlusconi associate to attend parties at the premier's homes.

Berlusconi has denied ever paying anyone for sex and denounced what he says is a media campaign to smear him.

He has acknowledged, however, he is "no saint" and loves beautiful women, but insists Italians want him that way.

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Petition

- "This man offends us. Stop him," reads the petition, which has been signed by well-known Italian artists, musicians and television personalities, as well as ordinary Italians.

London **Protesters breach BBC**

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Anti-fascist demonstrators chant outside the BBC studios Thursday, where whites-only British National Party Leader Nick Griffin appeared on a national TV show. About 25 protesters broke through police barricades and entered the building's lobby.

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News in brief

FRANCE A French prosecutor says newly discovered traces of DNA could revive hope of solving the notorious 1984 slaying of a four-year-old boy. Gregory Villemin drowned 25 years ago in a river, his hands and feet bound with rope.

SPACE An independent panel says NASA's plan to revisit the moon is the wrong mission. Chair Norman Augustine says it makes more sense for NASA to land on a nearby asteroid or one of the moons of Mars.

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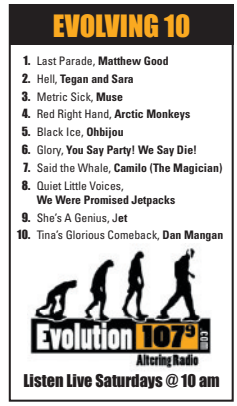
U.S., Canada differing on new Internet law

THROTTLING U.S. federal regulators have taken an important step toward prohibiting broadband providers from discriminating against certain kinds of Internet traffic, in a move that came just a day after Canadian regulators decided to allow the practice known as throttling. The CRTC announced Wednesday that it would continue to allow Canada's big telecommunications firms to restrict traffic on their Internet networks — but under new rules. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate won't stop progress: PM

ENVIRONMENT The world's poor nations will not sacrifice development for a new climate change deal, says Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Wealthy nations say all countries — including growing polluters India and China — have to agree to broad cuts in emissions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



74 arrests in L.A. gang sweep
More than 1,100 FBI agents and police spread out through South Los Angeles Thursday, arresting 74 in a gang crackdown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Militants dig in

110,000 flee region as Pakistan continues offensive

Residents fleeing a six-day-old Pakistani army offensive in a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border reported Thursday that the insurgents are digging in for a fight and travel the roads freely.

Tired and dusty refugees arriving in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan from different parts of South Waziristan reported intense army bombing by jets and helicopters but said they had seen no ground troops.

The accounts by a dozen refugees to Associated Press reporters are a sign of just how much fighting remains before the military can even hope to clear the area, which in recent years has become a major global hub for al-Qaida and other extremist groups who carry out attacks against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Over the last 20 days, militants have killed more than 170 people in a series of suicide bombings and raids on targets across the country.

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A girl and her dog look out from a truck as they flee the military offensive in South Waziristan on Thursday.

In the latest attack, suspected insurgents on a motorbike fatally shot a senior army officer and a soldier Thursday in the capital, Islamabad.

The United Nations says 110,000 people have fled South Waziristan in recent months as speculation rose of an army offensive, about 30,000 of them in the last few days. Most are staying with relatives or in rented homes in Dera Ismail Khan and nearby districts.

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Earthquake

- A magnitude 6.2 earthquake centred in the Hindu Kush mountains shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals. There were no initial reports of damage or casualties from the quake, however it was centred in a remote area where communications are poor.

News in brief

FLU A poll suggests most Americans don't plan to get inoculated against the H1N1 flu even as the virus spreads across the U.S. and hundreds of schools close. The Washington Post/ABC News survey suggests about six in 10 said they have no plans to get vaccinated, and only 52 per cent of parents would get their children the vaccine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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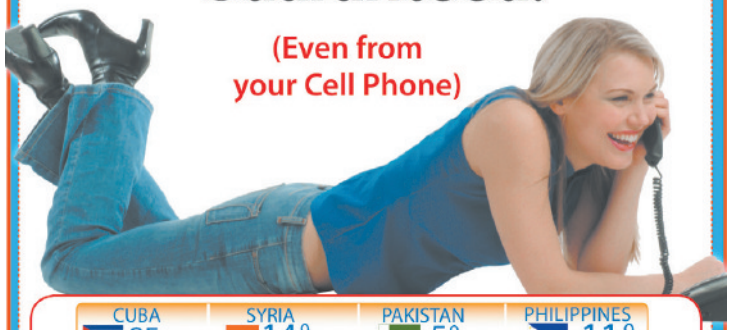

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Comment

Hot and bothered over fake hymens

GlobalView

Proving one more time that when it comes to Muslim women, it's about headscarves and hymens — in other words, what's on our heads and what's between our legs — Egypt is hot and bothered over a Chinese device that fakes female virginity.

It's reportedly available in Syria for $15 but nobody knows if the gizmo called Gigimo is on sale in Egypt yet. Just the mere thought of a device, which is said to release liquid imitating blood, allowing a woman to fake virginity on her wedding night, has driven some conservatives crazy.

One Egyptian Muslim scholar even went so far as to say that people caught importing the virginity-faking device into the country should face the death penalty and the Muslim Brotherhood, the largest opposition bloc in parliament, want the kit banned on grounds it will encourage promiscuity.

The conservatives are not content that their ideology has put headscarves on the heads of 80 per cent of Egyptian women. Now it's the horror of uncertainty about that "good girl" they marry.

With all the troubles Egypt faces these days — spiralling cost of living, a president in power for 28 years whose son looks likely to succeed him, etc. — why all the fuss over hymens, real or fake?

Welcome to the hypocrisy and denial that together drum at the heart of conservative religious views on women and chastity. And in the case of Egypt, that conservatism applies equally to Muslims and Christians.

As a Muslim, I know the Qur'an preaches chastity for men and women, but the conservative obsession with women means only females are expected to abide by the prohibition on extra-marital sex. This obsession with virginity is shallow at best and deadly at worst.

And it's built on a lie — people in Egypt are having sex outside of marriage, as they do everywhere. Hymen reconstruction surgery was an option for sexually active women who could afford it. In less affluent and more rural areas, women have used body parts of animals for blood on the sheets. Now the Gigimo provides a cheaper, cleaner and non-surgical prop to maintain the lie that many men still want to believe.

Truth be told, it's unlikely Egyptian women will flock to the Gigimo. But it's been worth it just to watch male hysteria as the made-in-China hymens threatened to smash their virginity god.

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Views

H1N1: Fear mongering or real threat?

UrbanCompass

You've got a cough, a fever, a sore throat, runny nose, aches and pains. You must have the H1N1 virus, a.k.a. the swine flu. Don't take chances. Do yourself and everyone else a favour: Stay home and watch the soaps.

At least that's the message, backed up by those little hand sanitizers sprouting in office lobbies.

But what if the message is wrong?

I'm not sure what to think about a CBS investigation that presents compelling evidence of a massive over-reporting of swine flu in the U.S. Instead of just accepting alarming bulletins from health authorities, CBS asked all 50 states for lab-confirmed swine flu results.

What CBS found is a testament to the inadvertent side-effects of the swine flu epidemic:

Florida tested 8,863 specimens: 17 per cent were swine flu; 83 per cent no flu at all. California tested 13,704 specimens, 86 per cent were negative for flu. Georgia? 97 per cent no flu.

Georgetown University announced in September that 250 students had swine flu, but the report was not based on lab tests, only estimates based on students who reported flu-like symptoms. Could be none of them had swine flu.

This is not to say you shouldn't be cautious. In fact, you should be more cautious: If you think you've already survived a bout of the swine flu and have won immunity, think again. Unless your diagnosis is lab-tested, it's possible you never had swine flu, and to be safe, you should line up for a vaccine shot.

Granted, B.C. Health officer Dr. Perry Kendall says 50 per cent of the samples in this province test positive, compared with five to 10 per cent in other provinces — numbers that conform to the CBS investigation. There's no explanation why so many test positive in B.C. and nowhere else.

Whatever, it's better to be safe than sorry. But it's also a good idea to get a grip. So far, nine people have died after coming down with swine flu in B.C. — and seven had prior conditions that contributed to their deaths. To date, 83 Canadians have died after getting swine flu. Every year, regular flu contributes to the deaths of 8,000 Canadians.

And not one of them makes the headlines.

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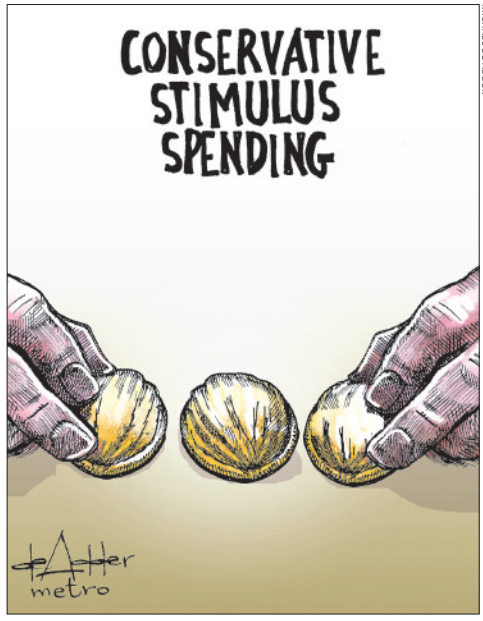

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Loonie too strong: BoC

The stubbornly strong loonie is the major impediment to the Canadian economy rebounding more strongly from the recent deep recession, says Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney.

In a new warning, the bank governor says Canada would experience stronger recovery next year and in 2011 if the loonie had stayed at the 87-cent level the bank envisioned during the summer.

Carney said Thursday that's why the bank made it clear this week that it will keep interest rates at the historic low of 0.25 per cent until at least next July.

Carney said the central bank has several tools at its disposal, including intervention in the currency market, but didn't specify which would be put to use.

"Intervention is always an option," he said.

"Markets should take seriously our determination to set policy to achieve the inflation target. Markets sometimes lose their focus. We don't lose our focus."

The loonie closed at 95.44 cents US on Thursday, but many expect it to hit parity in the next few months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney folds his umbrella as he walks to a news conference in Ottawa on Thursday.

Canadians' savings may be sliding, poll says

FINANCES When it comes to how well Canadians are handling their cash these days, the consensus isn't all that clear.

An Ipsos Reid poll done for RBC Financial suggests many Canadians are letting their saving habits slide.

The poll found one-third of the people who responded said they were saving less than they have in the past, with only one-in-five saying they were putting more away for a rainy day.

Residents of Ontario and B.C. topped the list of those saving less, while 70 per cent of Canadians find reaching a savings goal one of their biggest challenges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sun Life survey

- On the other hand, a Sun Life survey of about 1,200 people found that 60 per cent said they had reduced their debt.

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Business in brief

SALES Retail sales rose 0.8 per cent in August to $34.5 billion, thanks to higher sales at gas stations and new car dealers, which offset July's decline. Statistics Canada reported Thursday the largest rise came in the auto sector, which rose 2.4 per cent overall, with gas stations leading the way at 3.9 per cent.

ENERGY Units in Calgary-based Harvest Energy Trust soared more than 30 per cent in early trading after a $4.1-billion takeover with Korea National Oil Corp. was announced Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Governator backs new NFL stadium

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill allowing the construction of a 75,000-seat stadium that developers hope will lure an NFL team to the Los Angeles area. Officials say the stadium would generate more than 18,000 jobs and more than $762 million US in economic output. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

School faces shoe fight

A fight over the shoes Michael Jordan's son will wear at the University of Central Florida could cost the school as much as $3 million US. Freshman guard Marcus Jordan, left, is refusing to wear shoes made by adidas, the brand the university has a contract with for its sports. He says he will only wear his father's Nike Air Jordan shoes because it holds special meaning to his family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Vancouver Canucks could hit .500 for the first time this season when the winless Maple Leafs visit GM Place Saturday

afternoon.

Fresh off a 3-2 win over the Chicago Blackhawks — the team that knocked them out of last year's Stanley Cup Playoffs — the Canucks will now look to victimize the NHL's worst team at the start of their three-games-in-four-nights home stand.

The game will not, however, feature the debut of defenceman Mathieu Schneider, who signed as a free agent with the Canucks in the off-season.

Schneider, 40, who said he's been ready to go for about a week, was placed on injured reserve at the start of the season and cannot play for 10 games. He may make his Canucks debut Sunday against the Edmonton Oilers.

The Leafs, meanwhile, who are in the midst of a lengthy seven-day gap between games, are trying to stay positive, despite their dismal 0-6-1 start.

"It's easy to get caught up in the negativity if you follow what the media (are saying)," said defenceman Mike Komisarek on Thursday, following a fourth straight day of practice.

"You can't let it get to you, you have to stay positive. The results haven't been there and you have to build somewhere — and that starts in practice for us."

The Leafs are hoping to use the weeklong breather between games to work on team shortcomings and give injuries time to heal.

Leafs coach Ron Wilson told Toronto radio station The Fan 590 he had his "fingers crossed" that Gustavsson might be able to play against the Canucks.

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ALCS Angels stay alive

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Los Angeles' Bobby Abreu reacts after scoring during the first inning in Game 5 of the ALCS Thursday night against the New York Yankees. The Angels went on to win 7-6.

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Curling, and Vancouver's golden promise

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At the home Olympics Canada will battle an inferiority complex. It is the only country to have hosted the Games (Montreal 1976 and Calgary 1988), and not win a gold medal inside its borders.

It's a glaring blemish on an otherwise illustrious Olympic history.

Vancouver/Whistler and the 2010 Games promise to end the pain. Yet even as the flame begins its journey from Olympia to Canadian shores, nothing is a lock. Certainly not hockey gold, and in the individual sports anything can happen.

That leaves curling, men's and women's, and at least one gold medal that many Canadians have come to count on.

"My generation of curlers is the first that grew up with the Olympics being the No. 1 goal," says Brad Gushue, who won 2006 gold in Torino for Canada. "You know for sure that Canadian fans expect a gold medal in curling."

Gushue's foursome and 13 other men's teams are in Mississauga this weekend at the Grey Power World Cup of Curling. The most talented lineup yet assembled includes seven European rinks, one each from China and the United States, all to appear at the Olympics in February. The five Canadian teams are the cream of the crop, but only one will have the chance to compete in Vancouver after winning an arduous trial process that essentially begins now.

"I relish that chance," says 2007 world champion Glenn Howard from Ontario's Georgian Bay region. "The whole planet will be watching. I can't think of anything more that I want in my life than to win a gold medal for my country."

It's a lot of pressure to bear.

Curling is, after all, a sport close to the heart in Canada with millions of passionate fans. But it's also a sport whose homeland is Scotland.

"Canada expects a gold medal, yes — but to us that's a huge challenge," warns reigning world champion David Murdoch of Lockerbie, Scotland, who will represent Great Britain. "A big crowd in Vancouver totally against us will inspire us to be even better."

It is the podium finish that could end the drought. Curling holds that much promise at the upcoming home Olympics.

Then again, in a sport where the playing field is rapidly becoming more level, not even curling can make a golden promise to Canadians this time.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

WHITECAPS Martin Nash will remain team captain of the Vancouver Whitecaps next season. The United Soccer Leagues club announced Thursday it's exercised a contract option on the 33-year-old midfielder.

GOLF Brandishing a hot putter on a warm afternoon, Australian Nick O'Hern cruised to a career-low 63 and the first-round lead in the Frys.com Open Thursday. Bob Heintz and Heath Slocum were one stroke back at 64. Calgary's Stephen Ames and Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir sit three shots back in a tie for eighth.

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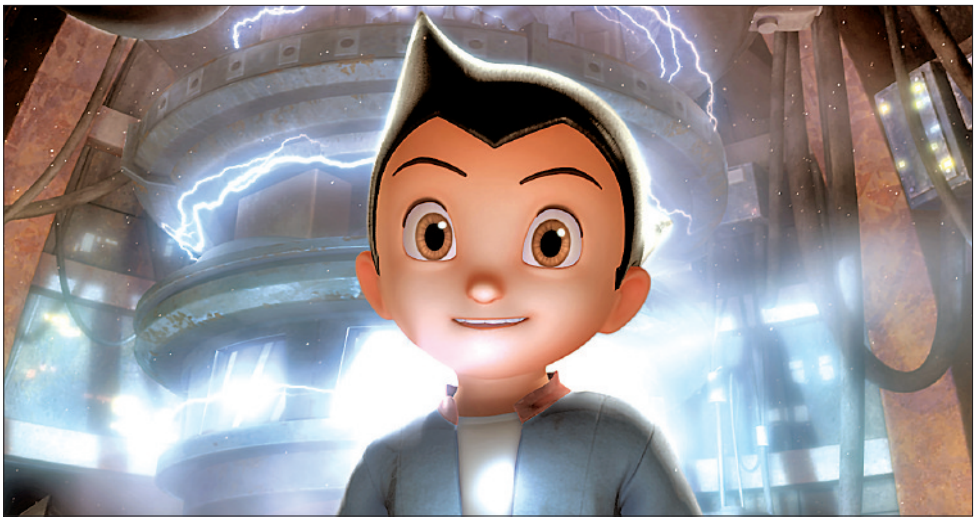
Boy, what a bummer


The Hollywood version of Japanese animator Osamu Tezuka's influential creation Astro Boy is playing in theatres.

Astro Boy
Director: David Bowers
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Kristen Bell
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

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STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Canada, we may never have been able to fully appreciate the lore that is Astro Boy.

Sure, the character has been around for generations and been credited as the genesis of anime, but here in the Great White North, I don't recall the omnipresence of that little robot anymore than say, Hammy Hamster.

Still one cannot discount Osamu Tezuka's influential creation and the overdue splash on to the big-screen that should definitely excite a few fanboys.

For those uneducated in the ways of Astro Boy, his story is thus: When the son of accomplished scientist Dr. Tenma (Nicolas Cage) is tragically killed, he constructs a robot in the child's image. Although he gave the android incredible powers, Tenma casts the unfulfilling surrogate away to Earth — now a trash heap a la Wall-E.

There, Astro Boy befriends a group of stray ghettoized children while being chased by the oppressive government for his special "blue" energy powers. This all, of course, represent more sophisticated allegories than the intended younger demographic of the film can likely understand — which does cause one to question, who is this movie for?

While Astro Boy has its cult following (which dates back to the 1950s), this movie is surely designed for children.

As such, it's colorful, playful and the kiddies will giggle with glee but it's not necessarily for Astro Boy fans.

While striving for heady themes may give pause to some diehards, the overly common story will supply slumber to most adults sitting in the cinema. As for me, I'm afraid that after seeing Astro Boy, the phenomenon still has no more prestige than a talented hamster.

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Amelia grounded by narrative

Amelia
Director: Mira Nair
Stars: Richard Gere, Hilary Swank
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

Hilary Swank stars in Amelia, which was shot in Halifax.

REVIEW It should be easy to make an exciting movie about Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic who mysteriously disappeared during the tail end of an attempted round-the-world flight.

It's all there: the excitement and risk or early aviation, breaking down gender barriers, the glamour and adventure of being a famous aviatrix. But apparently the folks behind Amelia aren't up to the challenge. What they offer instead is a long, boring slog toward an ending everyone already knows, with little narrative thrust or sense of adventure.

The movie is pretty, to be sure, with rich cinematography, gorgeous costumes and period details and absolutely thrilling flight sequences. The problem is that as soon as a human being comes on screen, the air goes out of it. To see Hilary Swank, Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor with so little charisma is a shame, with Swank particularly disappointing.

Given the character's groundbreaking history, her Amelia is incredibly passive, marvelling wide-eyed as Gere's George Putnam makes her decisions for her for the first half of the film.

Amelia is lopsided from the get-go, with an inordinate amount of time spent on Earhart's first transatlantic trip — a publicity stunt during which she was a passenger. By the time we get to her actual solo flight, it seems like an afterthought.

Most of the exciting achievements in Earhart's life are covered with clumsy, trite newsreel footage and spiralling newspaper front pages.

There is nothing in this movie to suggest that it was made in 2009, let alone that it was directed by Mira Nair, who has shown such flair and originality in earlier films. This one never really takes off.

• For Amelia photos, trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Davis on a roll

Somebody give Viola Davis' agent a raise. The actress has signed on not one, but two dotted lines, joining It's Kind Of A Funny Story as well as David Schwimmer's sophmore directorial effort, Trust. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Saw VI: Back to torture chamber

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Much like death and taxes, the annual appearance of yet another movie in the incredibly popular Saw series is inevitable.

The sixth entry in the franchise opens today but the blood spattered Saw legacy first hacked into the collective pop culture consciousness back in 2004 with James Wan and Ligh Wannell's original film — a grim, deadly serious psycho thriller about a serial killer named Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) who dispatches his victims with diabolical traps. .

Saw VI is helmed by long time series editor Kevin Greutert. His aim with Saw VI is to return to the wince inducing levels of gore that have made the series such a success … and then surpass them.

"There is a bigger cast this time, and yes, a bigger, bloodier body count," he says. "I can't give you the exact number of deaths, because then people will count them down and be like, 'Oh man, only one more guy to die!'"

The film follows the further of adventures of Jigsaw's disciple Hoffman (Costas Mandylor), who has taken over the murderous reigns with delight.

But one thing that is common knowledge is that — despite his being killed off in Saw III — Bell's Jigsaw once again looms large, thanks to an endless spate of flashbacks.

"A Saw film must have Tobin, that's it," says Greutert. "He's totally involved and he demands there be integrity in the script and to his character. His face is and will forever be, associated with the series and he has tremendous pull with the producers."

• For Saw VI photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

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Butler goes for The Bard

It appears Gerard Butler has abandoned romantic comedies in order to accept a role from England's greatest playwright. Yes, Butler is taking a role in William Shakespeare's Coriolanus alongside Ralph Fiennes and William Hurt. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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John C. Reilly, right, plays a disgruntled bloodsucker in The Vampire's Assistant.

Little bite with some funny bits

The Vampire's Assistant

Director: Paul Weitz
Stars: John C. Reilly, Chris Massoglia, Josh Hutcherson
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

The Vampire's Assistant is not a great movie. In many ways it's a failure. The confusing plot condenses two separate novels and the screenplay is filled with cheesy moments.

However, the movie also has a good sense of humour about itself (unlike a certain weepy teen vampire franchise) and features enough talented actors in the supporting cast to keep things entertaining. The film is hardly a masterpiece, but at least it's fun.

John C. Reilly stars as a disgruntled vampire (is there any other kind?) who lives with a bizarre travelling freak show called the Cirque Du Freak.

Two teens discover the show and sneak their way in, only to end up becoming vampires themselves.

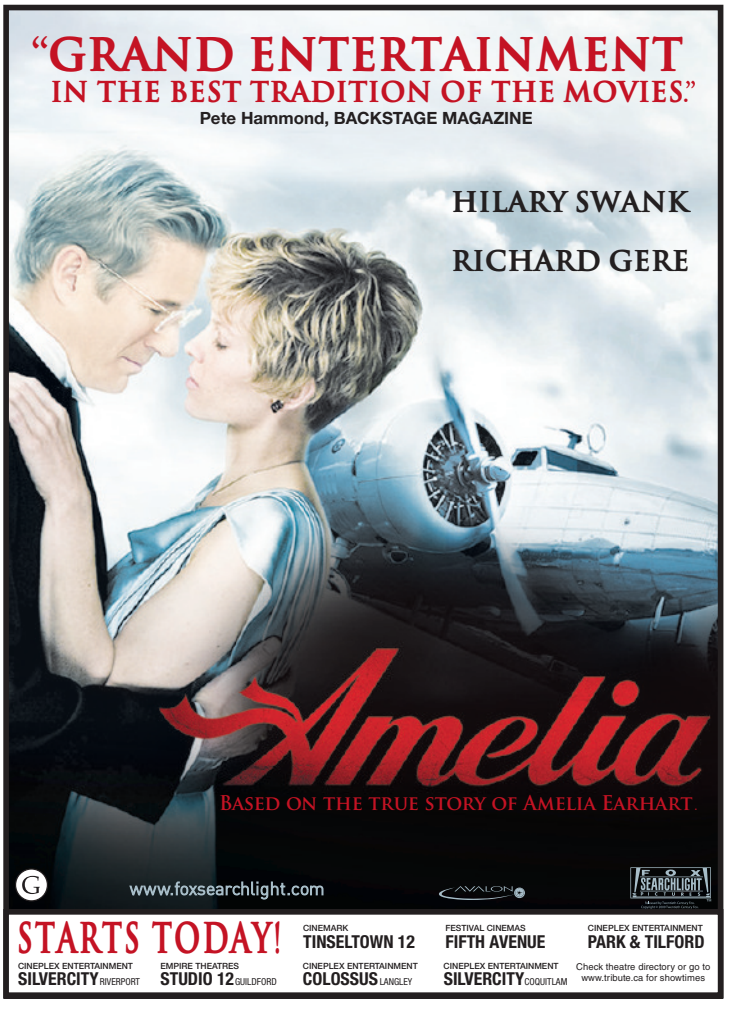
There's also a backstory involving a massive inter-vampire war, but frankly that doesn't really matter.

The plot is confusing and vague. It's all set up for future entries in the franchise with several movies worth of material crammed into the almost two hour running time. Fortunately, the film moves along at such a swift pace and features so many hilarious supporting roles that it's hard not to be entertained.

American Pie helmer Paul Weitz directs and while he tries a little too hard to make things visually interesting with a relentlessly moving camera, he does a good job keeping the convoluted story moving and the laughs coming.

Reilly doesn't quite manage the level of menace that his character should have, but he nails the comedic aspects of the role well enough to make it work. For a comedy/horror film aimed at teens, The Vampire's Assistant is surprisingly good.

• For The Vampire's Assistant photos, trailers and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies



Cruise in demand for dance show
Mary Murphy isn't the only one who would like to see Tom Cruise as a guest judge on So You Think You Can Dance. "Tom loves the show, so I hope so," new permanent judge Adam Shankman says. EONLINE.COM

Reel Time

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Amelia takes flight again

InFocus
Richard Crouse
metronews.ca/infocus

What do Coco Chanel, Queen Victoria and aviatrix Amelia Earhart have in common? All are women, made headlines and smashed barriers, becoming feminist icons in the process.

They are also all being given the big screen treatment this year in big Oscar bait movies. Coco Avant Chanel is in theatres, The Young Victoria comes out in December and this weekend Hilary Swank plays Earhart in Amelia.

None are strangers to posthumous celebrity; Victoria has been portrayed on screen almost 100 times by everyone ranging from Glenda Jackson to Michael Palin, but Earhart, a pioneering female pilot who disappeared over the Pacific during a circumnavigational flight of the globe attempt in 1937, has enjoyed a particularly good pop culture run of late.

She's been featured in Apple Computer's Think Different ads, Buck 65 rapped about her in Blood of a Young Wolf, and last year Amy Adams made her flesh and blood in Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Academy Award winner Swank's take on the character is the eighth time Earhart has been immortalized on screen, not counting Jane Lynch's portrayal of her in The Aviator which ended up on the cutting room floor, but she isn't the first Oscar winner to play the fly queen.

"Any time that you play a character who was alive... you want to tell the story in a way that they would be proud of."
Hilary Swank

In Flight for Freedom, honorary Oscar holder Rosalind Russell played Tonie Carter, a character based on Earhart.

The film and Russell's flamboyant performance popularized the unsubstantiated notion that Earhart's disappearance was a result of clandestine work for the U.S. Navy.

That theory was furthered by a TV movie (subsequently released as a theatrical feature) called Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight. Starring Oscar winner Diane Keaton, the movie suggested the doomed flight was financed by the navy in exchange for her reports of suspicious Japanese activity in the South Pacific.

In Close Encounters of the Third Kind Steven Spielberg suggested another reason for her disappearance — alien abduction!

In the film's climax Earhart exits the Mothership alongside a hundred alien abduction survivors. Spielberg said this was a tribute to Earhart and others who have mysteriously vanished at sea.

Whether or not Earhart would have approved of any of these portrayals we'll never know, but at least Swank says she tried to be respectful of Earhart's legacy.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Amy Adams played Amelia Earhart in the recently released Night at The Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian.

Helsing parody far behind its time

Stan **Helsing**

Director: Bo Zenga
Stars: Steve Howey, Diora Baird, Leslie Nielsen
Classification: STC
Rating: ●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A scene from Van Helsing.

REVIEW Stan Helsing opens with a disgruntled clerk whining about his job at Schlockbuster Video and that bad pun sums up the level of humour that writer/director Bo Zenga is going for.

The movie is a slapstick parody of horror fare that actually manages to succeed in making the Scary Movie franchise seem like high art. No bathroom joke, sexual reference, or pratfall is left unexplored.

It's a collection of obvious gags that might have seemed funny before Airplane! was released almost 30 years ago, but now feels depressingly old hat.

Steve Howey stars as Stan Helsing, a distant relative of (wait for it) Van Helsing who must find the courage to fight off a parade of movie monsters on Halloween. Everyone from Michael Myers to Chucky and Pinhead makes a brief appearance, but their names are never said out loud to avoid any lawsuits.

This is a lowest common denominator comedy. There's nothing wrong with that when it's done well, but the gags and genre parodies have been done so many times before that it feels like the screenplay was Xeroxed rather than written.

Slapstick parody icon Leslie Nielsen pops up in drag in a brief cameo as a waitress and his presence does enliven the proceedings. Nielsen's deadpan delivery suits the material well and he's able to squeeze some laughs into his few minutes of screen time, but other than that the chuckles are few and far between.

Stan Helsing is not the worst movie ever made, in fact the running time squeaks by fairly painlessly. It's just that almost every scene is packed with jokes that been done better so many times before. Even one original idea would have helped.

Meryl Streep no Julia Child

Meryl Streep may have starred as chef-legend Julia Child in Julie & Julia but in real life she is nothing more than an OK cook. "I cook OK. I cook every night, so every night is not great," Streep said Thursday at the Rome Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Substance over style

The September **Issue**

Director: RJ Cutler
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

The September Issue reveals the world of legendary Vogue editor Anna Wintour.

In 1992, RJ Cutler produced an acclaimed documentary about Bill Clinton's presidential campaign called The War Room. That title would have been equally applicable to the director's new documentary, The September Issue, which details the military precision behind the creation of the western world's most influential fashion tome.

That would be Vogue magazine, and the film opens with its editor — the legendary Anna Wintour — rallying the troops with the news that the September 2007 issue will be the biggest in the magazine's history.

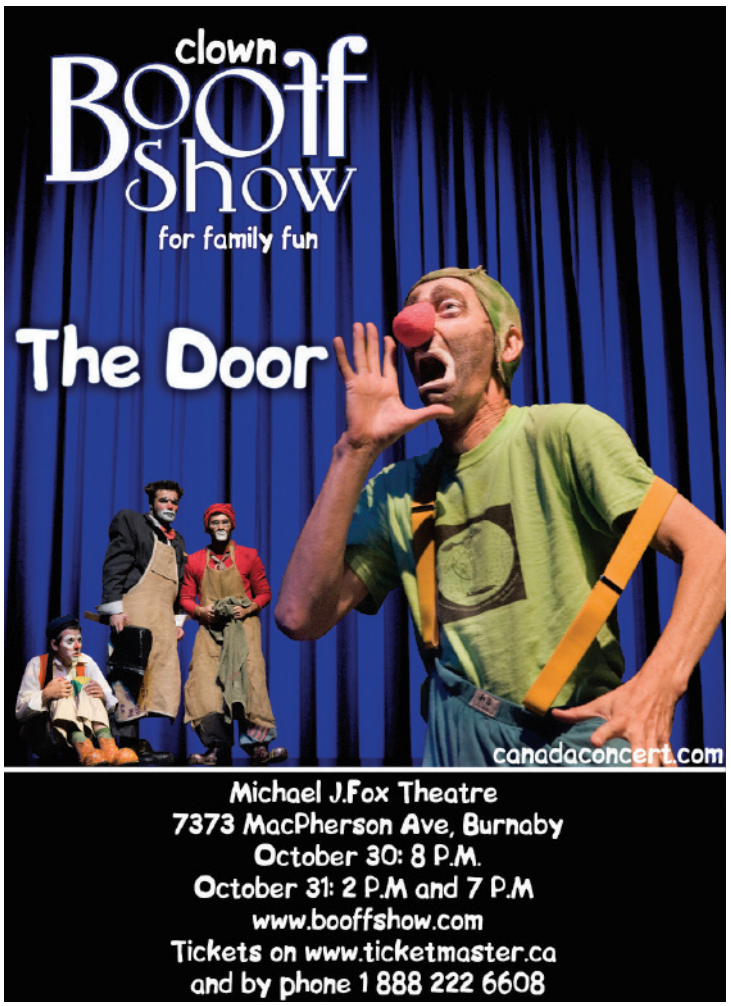
The film's hook is Cutler's unprecedented access to a process — and an editor — typically unveiled via gossipy industry tell-alls: The great surprise of The September Issue is its strenuous avoidance of either callow, aren't-these-folks-silly critique or EPK-style brand-flogging (for an example of the latter, see the dreadful profile doc Valentino).

By taking the task at hand as seriously as his subjects, Cutler illuminates the artistry and professionalism behind images too easily — and conveniently — dismissed as the image-culture equivalent of empty calories.

That's not to say that there isn't interpersonal drama: the film's throughline is a battle of will between Wintour and her longtime friend and collaborator Grace Coddington, whose role as Vogue's creative director gives her more wiggle room than most when it comes to crossing the boss.

(The disagreement stems from Wintour's disparaging assessment of one of Coddington's much-fussed over layouts).

It's an inherently catty dynamic, but where another director might have played it up, Cutler allows both women their dignity, and in doing so leaves the audience's intact as well.



Audrey Tatou stars in Coco Avant Chanel.

Coco decent biopic

Coco Avant **Chanel**

Director: Anne Fontaine
Stars: Audrey Tautou, Benoit Peolvoorde
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Coco Avant Chanel is a prestige picture from France being trotted out for Oscar attention. The movie hits many of the Academy's sweet spots: It's a period piece, a biopic, and a movie about female independence.

Awards attention is inevitable but whether or not it is deserved is another matter. Coco Avant Chanel is a decent telling of the early days of fashion icon Gabrielle "Coco" Chanel.

The film picks up with Coco in her 20s trying to become a singer in sleazy French nightclubs. Coco is determined not to fall into a life of servitude to a man, but sadly seems to have no alternative. She ends up living with an absurdly rich aristocrat and scoffs at his wasteful lifestyle.

She starts wearing more masculine clothing to the chagrin of upper-class Parisians, who soon start copying her style. Then she falls in love with a handsome young Englishman who she can never have. In the end, she chooses independence purely because she can't be with the man she loves. This seems like an awkward way to present a character that is supposed to be an early symbol of female independence. Coco decides to go out on her own purely because her two attempts at finding a male companion failed.

This muddled message aside, the movie is gorgeously made. Director Anne Fontaine vividly recreates turn of the century France and gracefully spins her yarn through painterly cinematography. Audrey Tautou excels as Coco.

Education doesn't cut too deep

An **Education**

Director: Lone Scherfig
Stars: Carey Mulligan, Peter Sarsgaard
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW The title of Lone Scherfig's Oscar-baiting '60s period piece An Education is a double-entendre: For starters, it refers to the Oxford aspirations of its protagonist, Jenny (Carey Mulligan), a 16-year-old girl bumping up against the stifling atmosphere of her suburban private school.

But it also encompasses the more practical lessons she learns during her unexpected and whirlwind romance with David (Peter Sarsgaard), an older man whose seductive worldliness belies motives cloudier than the suburban London skies.

But despite its thorny dramatic particulars, Nick Hornby's screenplay — adapted from a memoir by British journalist Lynn Barber — doesn't cut particularly deep.

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Where the Wild Things Are (G) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Amelia (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:40
Bright Star (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-6:40 Mon 1:15 Tue-Wed 1:15-6:40 Thu 1:15
Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7:20-9:30
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 4-9:05
Coco avant Chanel (French w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:50-9:10
An Education (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7-9:20
Off and Running (STC) Thu 7

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

9 (PG) Fri 7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:45
Blue (STC) Fri 7:05 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 5:35
District 9 (18A) Fri 6:55-9:30 Sat 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:30 Sun 12:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:25-8:20
Good Hair (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-8:25
The Informant! (PG) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:20-8:35
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:15
Stan Helsing (14A) Fri 7:9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:40
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Mon-Thu 8:30
WWE Bragging Rights (STC) Sun 5

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
The Taking of Pelham 123 (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 3:15-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Couples Retreat (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:15-10 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 DTS Digital Mon 5:30-8:30 DTS Digital Tue 5:30 DTS Digital Wed-Thu 5:30-8:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) DTS Digital, No Passes Tue 9 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed-Thu 5-8
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 5:15-8:15 DTS Digital Tue-Thu 5:15-8:15
Zombieland (18A) DTS Digital Fri 7:30-9:45 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-9:45 DTS Digital Mon 5-8

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

Animation Feast (STC) Tue 9 Wed 7:30
Dillinger Is Dead (STC) Fri 7:30 Sat 9:20
Get Animated (STC) Mon 7-9
International Releases (STC) Wed 9
Karel Vacheck Poet Provocateur What is to Be Done (STC) Sun 6
Special Presentation by Bruce Alcock (STC) Tue 7:30
Suspiria (STC) Thu 7:30-9:25
You, the Living (STC) Fri 9:15 Sat 7:30

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

A Serious Man (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:20 Thu 4-9:20

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

Whip It (PG) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:20 Mon-Tue 4-7-9:20 Wed 4-9:20 Thu 4-7-9:20

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Hedwig and the Angry Inch (14A) Fri 12
Velvet Goldmine (STC) Fri
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE VANCOUVER
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 12:50-3:45-6:50-10:15 Sat 3:45-6:50-10:15 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:45-6:50-10:15 Thu 12:50-3:45-10:15
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat 10:40-1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 10
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
Paranormal Activity (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10:20 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:01
Saw VI (18A) Fri 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat 12:20 Sun-Tue 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:20-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:20 Sat 2:40-4:50-7:20-9:50 Wed-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:50-9:50
Stark Raving Black (STC) Thu 7
Surrogates (PG) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30 Sat 4:10-7:10-9:30 Sun-Tue 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30 Wed 1:20-4:10-9:30 Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri 1-4-7-10 No Passes Sat 10:30-1-4-7-10 No Passes Sun 1-4-7-10 No Passes Mon 1-4-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 1-4-7-10
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:15-10:10

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

Amelia (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Astro Boy (G) No Passes Fri-Mon 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45 No Passes Tue 2:45-9:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:45
Cairo Time (STC) No Passes Fri-Mon 2:35-5-7:15-9:25 No Passes Tue 2:35-5-7:15
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:15-5:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Mon 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:20 Tue 2:20-9:20 Wed-Thu 2:20-4:40-7:05-9:20
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50
It Might Get Loud (G) No Passes Fri-Mon 2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 No Passes Tue 2:50-5:10-7:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Tue 9-9:30-10:30-11:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10
The September Issue (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:20-5:35-7:45-9:55
A Serious Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:45-2:55-4:15-5:20-6:45-7:55-9:15-10:25
The Stepfather (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:15-4:45-7:10-7:50-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon 4:45-7:10-7:50-9:40-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:40
Whip It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:35-10:15 Mon 1:50-4:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:35-10:15

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

The Headless Woman (STC) Sun-Mon 6:30-8:10

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

9 (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 5:20-7 Mon-Thu 7
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Wed 8:40

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Astro Boy (G) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-4:25-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:45
Saw VI (18A) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:05-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri 7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-3:50-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Zombieland (18A) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Amelia (G) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat 3-6:30-9:30 Sun 12:20-3-6:30-9:30 Mon-Tue 6:30-9:30
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-4:45-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:45 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:45 Wed 9:45 Thu 6:50-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
The Stepfather (14A) Fri 6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:50

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Astro Boy (G) Fri 4:20-6:55-9:30 Sat 1:35-4:20-6:55-9:30 Sun 1:35-4:20-6:55 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:55
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 4:35-7:15-9:40 Sat 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:40 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:15 Mon-Tue 4:35-7:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4:15-7:9:45 Sat 1:30-4:15-7 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:35-7:15
Saw VI (18A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat 1:55-4:40-7:20-9:55 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:05-9:35 No Passes Sat 1:40-4:25-7:05-9:35 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:25-7:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Amelia (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:55-9:50
Astro Boy (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:40-9:10
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:55
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-7:10-10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:35
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:30-10:25
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:45-6:45-10:05
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-1:10-3:25-4:7:05-7:40-10:15-10:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed 1-1:30-4-4:40-7-7:35-10-10:35 No Passes Thu 1-1:30-4-4:30-7-7:35-10-10:35
The Nightmare Before Christmas 3-D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:10-4:25-7:15-9:45
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
Paranormal Activity (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:05-5:7:45-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:01
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:35-2:35-3:10-5:05-5:50-7:35-8:15-10:20-10:50
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Wed 1-4:20-7:55-10:35 Thu 4:20-7:55-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Surrogates (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05 Sat 4:30-7:20-10:05 Sun-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:40-3:35-7:25-10 No Passes Thu 3:35-7:25-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Where the Wild Things Are: The IMAX Experience (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:4-7-9:30
Whip It (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:55-6:50-9:50 Wed 12:45-3:55-9:50 Thu 12:45-3:55-6:50-9:50
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:15-7:50-10:40

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon 7-9 Tue 7
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) Tue 9-11:30 Wed-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Astro Boy (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:50-9:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:45-9:40
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-4-7:15-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4-7-10
Paranormal Activity (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:01
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:55-7:25-10:10
Surrogates (PG) Fri 11:50-3:20-6:55-9:35 Sat 3:20-6:55-9:35 Sun-Tue 11:50-3:20-6:55-9:35
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:45
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Wed 12:05-3:40-7:20-9:50 Thu 12:05-3:40-6:30

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
District 9 (18A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05
The Informant! (PG) Fri 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4-7:10 Sat 1-4-7:10 Sun 1-4-7 Mon-Thu 4-7
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15
Whip It (PG) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Amelia (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:55 No Passes Wed 3:45-6:55-9:55 No Passes Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Astro Boy (G) Fri-Tue 11:50-2:10-4:35-7:05-9:40 Wed 4:35-7:05-9:40 Thu 11:50-2:10-4:35-7:05-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Tue 12:25-3:45-6:50-9:45 Wed 12:25-3:45-9:45 Thu 12:25-3:45-6:50-9:45
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7:10-9:55
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:05-4:30-7:05-9:35
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3-6:45-9:50
District 9 (18A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10 Mon 4:25-7:20-10:10 Tue 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:05 Wed 4:20-7:20-10:05 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:05
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:50-10:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-12:40-3:40-3:45-7:25-7:40-10:25-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Aida (Verdi) (STC) Sat 10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-1:35-3:45-4:25-7:7:45-10:15-10:45
NY Times Talks: A Conversation with John Irving (STC) Wed 7
Paranormal Activity (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:7:40-10:15
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:7-10 Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5:05-7:35-10:40
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:35
Surrogates (PG) Fri 12:50-4:05-7:55-10:45 Sat 4:05-7:55-10:45 Sun-Tue 12:50-4:05-7:55-10:45
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:25-5:7:35-10:25 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10
Whip It (PG) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20 Tue 4:05-7:30-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:50-10:40

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Fame (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
G-Force (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 12-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (14A) Fri-Thu 5
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Thu 2:20
The Informant! (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
Inglourious Basterds (18A) Fri-Thu 8:45
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 12-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30
Love Happens (PG) Fri 7:20 Sat-Sun 2:45-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20
Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

All The Best (Hindi w/e.s.t) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:40
Astro Boy (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:10-9:30
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-7:05-10
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:25-6:45-9:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10:10
Main Aurr Mrs. Khanna (Hindi w/e.s.t) (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-7:9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4-7-10
Saw VI (18A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:15
The Stepfather (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-3:50-7:30-10:05 Wed 3:50-7:30-10:05 Thu 1:20-3:50-7:30-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Wake Up Sid (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (G) Fri-Tue 1-4-6:55-9:55
Where the Wild Things Are (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:35-4:40-7:20-9:50 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:20-9:50 No Passes Thu 1:35-4:40-7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Zombieland (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:25-9:35

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Amelia (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:50-9:40
Astro Boy (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:50-4:15-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:50-4:15-7-9:30
Blue (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:05-4:50-8
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:55
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-3:55-6:40-9:25
Couples Retreat (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:10-10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Tue 9 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15
Saw VI (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:25-7:40-10:10
The Stepfather (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:20-9:50
Toy Story & Toy Story 2 3D Double Feature (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 2:15-7:30
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:30-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:30-9:20
Zombieland (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Mon 1:40-4:7-7:25-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 1:40-4 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:40-4-7:25-9:45

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterionheatres.com

Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:15 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:15
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 7-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:10

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterionheatres.com

Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
Michael Jackson's This Is It (G) Tue 9 Wed-Thu 7-9:40
The Stepfather (14A) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:25
Where the Wild Things Are (G) Fri 7:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 2-7:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:30
Zombieland (18A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2:30-7-9 Mon 7-9 Tue 7

Top pop albums, according to Billboard

1. Crazy Love, Michael Bublé; 2. The Twilight Saga: New Moon soundtrack; 3. The Blueprint 3, Jay-Z; 4. Love is the Answer, Barbra Streisand; 5. The Time Of Our Lives, Miley Cyrus. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Creed goes Full Circle

SoundCheck

Ten years ago, Creed was one of the biggest bands in North America, selling tens of millions of records and tens of thousands of concert tickets. But by Christmas 2002, everything had gone horribly pear-shaped. Zonked on a combination of prescription drugs and JD, singer Scott Stapp turned in a horrible performance in Chicago that resulted in four fans filing a lawsuit.

Mix in the Holier-than-thou attitude, the perceived hypocrisies (including a leaked sex tape), the car accident, the broken hip, the thoughts of suicide and the very public fights with other bands — including an actual brawl with members of 311 — and you have the very definition of "downward spiral."

Creed's Scott Stapp

Things finally bottomed out for Stapp on Nov. 18, 2006, when his wife told him enough was enough. That date is now tattooed on his forearm as a reminder. Since then, he and the rest of Creed have slowly plotted their rehabilitation, a test that begins in earnest Tuesday with the release of the band's fourth album Full Circle.

Stapp sounds humbled, chastened and in search of a second chance. "In 2002, it was definitely time for us to take a break ... The time was very well spent, most importantly establishing a firm foundation with our families. And for me, my faith."

The new tracks are more muscular than With Arms Wide Open and those other singles that achieved popular acclaim and then critical scorn. And not just scorn — Creed was despised. Stapp now concedes that the band — and he in particular — deserved that.

"We're sorry for the ignorant, youthful chip we had on our shoulders back then ... I hope we get a second change to make a first impression."

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Her name in Lights

Juno-winning singer releases infectious debut The Listening

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Thanks to Jay-Z's song Death of Autotune, the obnoxious vocal effect is no longer in vogue. That poses a problem, however, for Toronto-singer Lights, who uses it on her new album.

"It's a great vocal effect if used tastefully, so why deny it?" she says. "I just use it in verses to try to convey emotion of being constricted and held very tight."

She admits, though, that artists like Kanye West and T-Pain have digitized their pipes too much. "It might have been a little excessive," she says. "If he can't sing without it, which we can't really tell, then maybe it's better that he used it."

Fortunately, she doesn't go nuts with sound — the musician, whose real name is Valerie Poxleitner, only uses it on the track The Saviour. Like most of the music on her debut full-length The Listening, the song is a soft electro synth pop number — think Kylie Minogue-meets-Nintendo. The songs move between the über radio friendly title track, to the quirky indie tune Drive My Soul.

Either way her sound is different. It also took a while to fine tune. Although she's only 22, Lights has been playing music for years, writing her first song in her early teens. She's played in a metal band, pretended to be Alicia Keys and wrote music best suited for, she says, "sad acoustic coffee houses."

Lights (Valerie Poxleitner) won the Juno Award for best new artist earlier this year. Her full-length debut album is now out.

Then, three years ago, she started listening to Bjork and euro electronica. When she went into the studio to record, she decided to try and play a track without any traditional instruments.

"I found random sounds and fluttery beats," she explains. "I realized there was no limit when you have synths. You can come up with any texture that will convey sound. You create it and make it happen."

There's no doubt her sound is accessible and infectious enough to court the American masses — Old Navy has already featured one of her songs — but it helps that Jian Ghomeshi — a former Canadian musician and current host of CBC's Q — is her manager.

The singer connected with Ghomeshi by chance. When she was 15 she was in a Walmart ad holding a guitar. The makeup artist saw the photo and asked if she played. He then asked her to sing. "He was blown away and he called Jian who was coming to the area a few weeks later," she recalls. They met, she gave him a demo and he's worked with her ever since.

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks." Lights

She might not need him for much longer though, with more than 165,000 MySpace friends, she's become an Internet sensation.

Fortunately, she likes connecting with her virtual fans. Though, she admits, communicating with her followers could become more difficult as she gets more popular.

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks," she says. "Maybe a day will come I won't be able to do that, but hopefully not."

Bright Lights

- The Listening is the new album from Lights. She plays the Commodore Ballroom on Nov. 6.

More Vampire Diaries
The CW has picked up nine more episodes of The Vampire Diaries, for a total of 22. Despite Melrose Place's lagging ratings, the network also announced an additional five. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

U.S. was monitoring Polanski

Officials decided against filing for arrest warrant, reveal email documents

American prosecutors closely monitored Roman Polanski in Austria and considered seeking his arrest there days before the director's apprehension in Switzerland, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

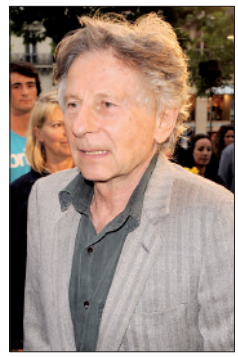
Los Angeles officials decided against filing a warrant for Polanski's arrest with the Austrian government after questioning how accommodating it would be to an extradition request. They also were concerned about the limited time available before Polanski left the country, according to emails obtained by the AP under U.S. public records request.

The email exchange Sept. 23 came three days before Polanski travelled to Switzerland and was arrested Sept. 26 at Zurich's airport. It sheds new light on how closely U.S. officials were monitoring the 76-year-old director's movements after being tipped off that he was outside France, and why they chose to go after him in Switzerland, where they are now seeking his extradition for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

"I don't have experience with any Austrian extraditions so I don't know how 'friendly' they would be to extradition on such a case," Diana Carbajal, a Los Angeles deputy district attorney, wrote in an email.

She wrote that Polanski had checked out of an Austrian hotel that morning and was "on the move" ahead of his scheduled appearance at the Zurich Film Festival on Sept. 26.

Polanski had been in Austria as early as Sept. 16, when he attended the opening night of his cult musical Dance of the Vampires in Vienna. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



American prosecutors were closely watching Roman Polanski, says new evidence.

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VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour (N)
	250	321	9 CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Baby Fever" (N)		Flashpoint (N) (CC)		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Guard "Body Parts"		Dollhouse "Belonging" (N)		NUMB3RS "Hydra" (N)		News
	256	389	12 VI	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	Law & Order "Dignity" (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Comedy Now (CC) (DVS)		A News (N)
	253	359	13 CITY	The Office	The Office	Supernanny "Colier Family"		Ugly Betty "Blue on Blue"		The Jay Leno Show (N)		The CityNews
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smallville "Roulette" (N)		America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Medium "Baby Fever" (N)		NUMB3RS "Hydra" (N)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Law & Order "Dignity" (N)		Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Supernanny "Colier Family"		Ugly Betty "Blue on Blue"		20/20 (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Brothers (N)	'Til Death (N)	Dollhouse "Belonging" (N)		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26 NW	Canada: Above & Beyond		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		Canada: Above & Beyond		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Dodgers			Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football Edmonton Eskimos at Calgary Stampeders. (Subject to Blackout) (CC)						SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	The Addams Family ★★ (1991) Anjelica Huston. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird	Sorry	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	X-Men ★★★ (2000) Hugh Jackman. (CC)		
variety	268	354	5 KNO	Chiefs		Poirot (N) (CC)		New Tricks (N) (CC)		True Meaning of Pictures		Ted Grant
	575	583	20 CMT	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Live at the Revival		Cheerleaders	CMT Star	Coyote Ugly	Coyote Ugly	Star Crossed
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Masters of Reception (CC)		Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception (CC)		Dress	Dress	Dress
	616	522	35 SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Found.
	294	650	47 TBS	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Dodgers			MLB Post	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Four Brothers ★★ (2005) Mark Wahlberg.		
	603	561	52 FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Alien	Aliens ★★★★ (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn. (CC)						Return of the Living Dead	
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:15) The Hunting Party		Underworld: Rise of the Lycans ★★ (2009)		(:35) I Am Legend ★★★ (2007) Will Smith.				No Country
	581	566	101 MTV	The Hills	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	OverBolts	The Hills	Peak Season	Peak Season

SATURDAY 10/24/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Calgary Flames. (Live) (CC)					HNIC: After Hours		News	HNIC Replay
	250	321	9 CTV	W5 ATV safety. (CC)		Three Rivers (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		How I Married My High School Crush (2007) (CC)				News Final
	256	389	12 VI	New Canoe	Island Week	Kool Countdown (CC)		The Road to Avonlea		Whistler "Out of Bounds"		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13 CITY	My RONA Home (CC)		Glenn Martin	Out There	Chaos and Desire ★★★ (2002) Pascale Bussières.				Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	The Office	The Office	Smash Cuts	Smash Cuts	The Hills	The Hills	CSI: NY "Hung Out to Dry"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15 CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Three Rivers (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		48 Hours Mystery "Haunted"		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Mercy "Pulling the Goalie"		Trauma "Stuck" (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	College Football Oregon State at USC.			Fortune	Mayoral Debate		The Brian McKnight Show		News
	290	382	23 FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	Talkshow
news	502	390	26 NW	What Happened Next		National	Issue	National	Mansbridge	What Happened Next		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Latino in America" (CC)				Newsroom		Presents
sports	407	419	22 RSP	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Dodgers			Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			World Extreme Cagefighting (CC)				Planet Speed	SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	Charlie B.	Garfield	Funniest Home Videos		Smallville "Identity" (CC)		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Beetlejuice ★★★ (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton. (CC)				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Heartbeat (N) (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Death in a Chocolate Box" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20 CMT	Dances With Wolves ★★★★ (1990) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. Premiere. A Union officer befriends the Lakota.								Dances
	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Wrecking Crew"		CSI: Miami "Backstabbers"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34 TLC	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline
	616	522	35 SHO	The Guard "Wake" (CC)		Lethal Obsession (2007, Suspense) Kellie Martin. (CC)				Disturbia ★★ (2007) Shia LaBeouf. (CC)		
	294	650	47 TBS	MLB Baseball: Phillies at Dodgers			MLB Post	TBA	(:45) American	Pie 2 ★★ (2001) Jason Biggs. (CC)		
	603	561	52 FN	Top Chef: Las Vegas (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Challenge Gingerbread.		Chopped (CC)		Top Chef
	-	-	53 AMC	(5:00) Alien 3	Alien Resurrection ★★ (1997) Sigourney Weaver, Winona Ryder. (CC)					Wolf ★★ (1994) Jack Nicholson. (CC)		
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) Bella ★★ (2006) (CC)		Twilight ★★ (2008) Kristen Stewart. Premiere. (CC)				(:05) 30 Days of Night ★★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	1 girl 5 gays	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	After	1 girl 5 gays

SUNDAY 10/25/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3 CBC	Heartland (N) (CC) (DVS)		Battle of the Blades (N)		The Nature of Things (N)		CBC News: The National (N)		News
	250	321	9 CTV	Desperate Housewives (N)		The Amazing Race 15 (N)		So You Think You Can Dance Canada (Season Finale) (N)				CTV News
	252	336	11 GTV	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Amer Dad	(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Final
	256	389	12 VI	America's Next Top Model		Alien vs. Predator ★★ (2004) Sanaa Lathan. (CC)				Spectacle: Elvis		New Canoe
	253	359	13 CITY	Survivorman (CC)		Extreme Makeover: Home		My RONA Home (N) (CC)		Conviction Kitchen		Amazing
	-	-	14 CW	Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: Miami "Rampage"		CSI: NY "Love Run Cold"		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15 CBS	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		The Amazing Race 15 (N)		Three Rivers "Code Green"		Cold Case "Soul" (N) (CC)		KIRO 7 News
	287	379	16 NBC	NFL Football: Cardinals at Giants			The Jim Mora	Dateline NBC (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	21 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23 FOX	MLB Baseball		Raymond	Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26 NW	Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About			Our World	CBC News: The National		Dear Zachary: Letter to a Son About		
	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Latino in America: Chasing the Dream"				State of the Union		Presents
sports	407	419	22 RSP	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Vancouver Canucks. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30 TSN	NFL Football: Cardinals at Giants			SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Billiards: WPBA U.S. Open		Fort Strong	SportsCentre
family	552	543	25 YTV	(6:00) The Wizard of Oz ★★★★ (1939)			H2O Just	In Real Life (CC)		Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	555	545	50 TEL	Bugs Bunny	6teen: Dude of the		Majority	Futurama	King of Hill	Bromwell	Life's a Zoo	John
variety	268	354	5 KNO	National Geographic		Inspector Morse "The Wench Is Dead" (CC)				New Tricks (N) (CC)		Beautiful
	575	583	20 CMT	Cheer Moms	Cheer Moms	Tuckerville	Tuckerville	Funniest Home Videos		Wilsons	Wilsons	Cheer Moms
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Tunnel Vision"		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		(:01) Criminal Minds (CC)		Criminal
	521	560	34 TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
	616	522	35 SHO	ReGenesis "Blackout" (CC)		Second Sight (2007, Drama) Lexa Doig, Ty Olsson. (CC)				Weeds (N)	Found.	Kenny
	294	650	47 TBS	(:10) The School of Rock ★★★ (2003) Jack Black, Joan Cusack. (CC)				(:40) Without a Paddle: Nature's Calling (2009) (CC)				
	603	561	52 FN	Dinner: Impossible (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	-	-	53 AMC	Mad Men (N) (CC)		(:02) Mad Men (CC)		(:03) Breaking Bad (CC)		Mad Men (CC)		(:02) Psycho
	320	621	60 CEN	(6:25) The Dark Knight ★★★★ (2008) Christian Bale. (CC)				Dexter Debra blames herself.		One Missed Call ★ (2008) Ed Burns (CC)		
	581	566	101 MTV	OverBolts	Fantasy Fact.	1 girl 5 gays	Peak Season	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	OverBolts	Fantasy Fact.	1 girl 5 gays

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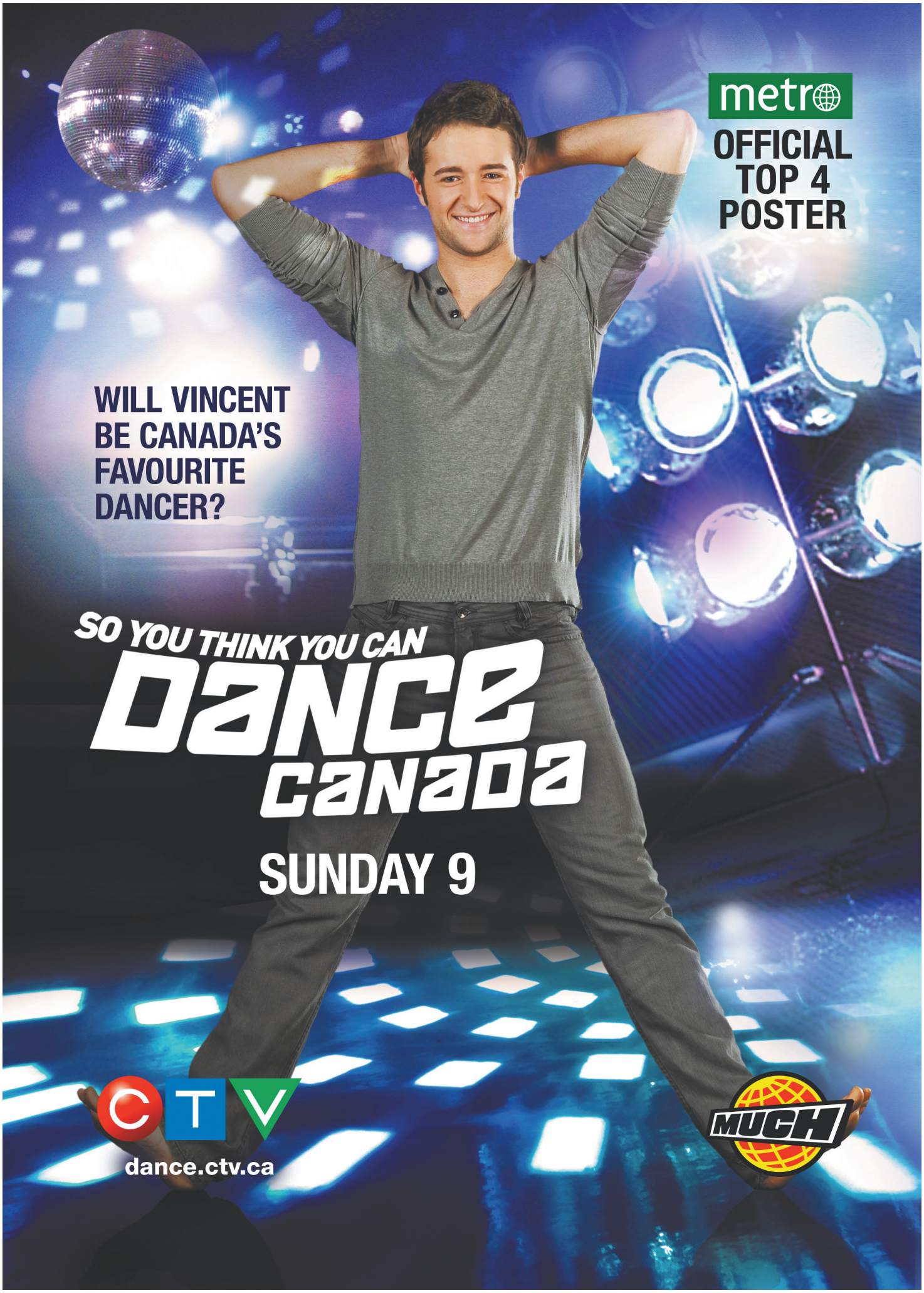
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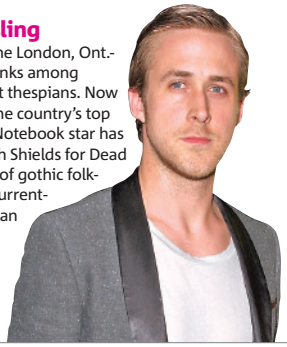
Smallville actor arrested

Smallville actor Sam Jones III was arrested Wednesday on federal drug charges according to TV Guide. He was charged with conspiring and planning to deal about 10,000 tablets of oxycodone. TVGUIDE.COM

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Ryan Gosling



CELEBRITY The London, Ont.-born actor ranks among Canada's best thespians. Now he wants to be one of the country's top musicians as well. The Notebook star has hooked up with pal Zach Shields for Dead Man's Bones, an album of gothic folk-rock tunes. The duo is currently playing North American dates.

2 Astro Boy

FILM Yes, the father of all anime is a little crime-fighting kid robot. And, starting today, he'll be at a theatre near you. Based on Osamu Tezuka's original 1952 series, the Hollywood 3-D version features Freddie Highmore (of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory fame) as the voice of the titular character.

3 There Is No Enemy: Built to Spill

MUSIC This Boise, Idaho-based band hit their stride in the '90s but their latest album ranks with their best efforts. Ringleader Doug Martsch's template — gorgeous guitar work over equally beautiful melodies — may be tried and tested, but the end result is some of the most heart-wrenching sounds you'll hear this year. Album highlights: Good 'Ol Boredom and Hindsight.

4 SuperFreakonomics

BOOK Some neat questions: What does a hooker and a department store Santa Claus have in common? Can eating kangaroo meat save the planet? Economist Steven Levitt and journalist Stephen Dubner have the answers in the "freaquel" to their bestseller Freakonomics.

5 App of the Day

TECH Let's face it — there's plenty of junk in the App Store. That's where this neat little software comes in. App of the Day highlights a different application every day for iPhone or iPod Touch users to discover high quality products in the App Store. Best of all, it's not just some tech geek's word above all. The featured applications are chosen through a careful nomination process driven by users.

6 A Day At The Office

VIDEO Tough economic times equals less spare time at work? Wrong. If the employees on this viral video are to be believed, no deadline is bigger than lip-synching to the Backstreet Boys' I Want It That Way and recording the results on your office desktop. Where's a supervisor when you need one? Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=XWhUeAy35qc.

7 Dead Snow

DVD It's been a good year for camp horror. Sam Raimi vowed with Drag Me To Hell. And now comes this Norwegian gore fest with creatures everyone will love to hate — Nazi zombies. The plot's no killer — some medical students go to a cabin ... you know how it goes.

Mix of Six

Fuse

When: Friday
Where: Vancouver Art Gallery

On select Fridays, the VAG transforms into the place to be for art, music and live performance in the city. Tix: $19.50, VAG members free. Info: vanartgallery.bc.ca.

Pacific Baroque Orchestra: Saltzburg Serenade

When: Friday-Sunday
Where: Various venues

The program will feature Mozart's Salzburg Symphonies and pair them with pieces by his contemporaries. See, pacificbaroque.com/salzburg.htm

Evil Dead: The Musical

When: Opening Weekend
Where: Vogue Theatre

Campy stage production of Sam Raimi's cult hit movies about students who manage to raise the dead. Info: vancouver.evildeadthemusical.com.

The Miracle Worker

When: To Oct. 31
Where: Vancouver Playhouse (Dunsmuir and Hamilton)

The story of Helen Keller opens the Vancouver Playhouse Theatre Company's 1009-10 season. Tix: $20-$56. Info: vancouverplayhouse.com.

Wanna Know What's Really Scary?

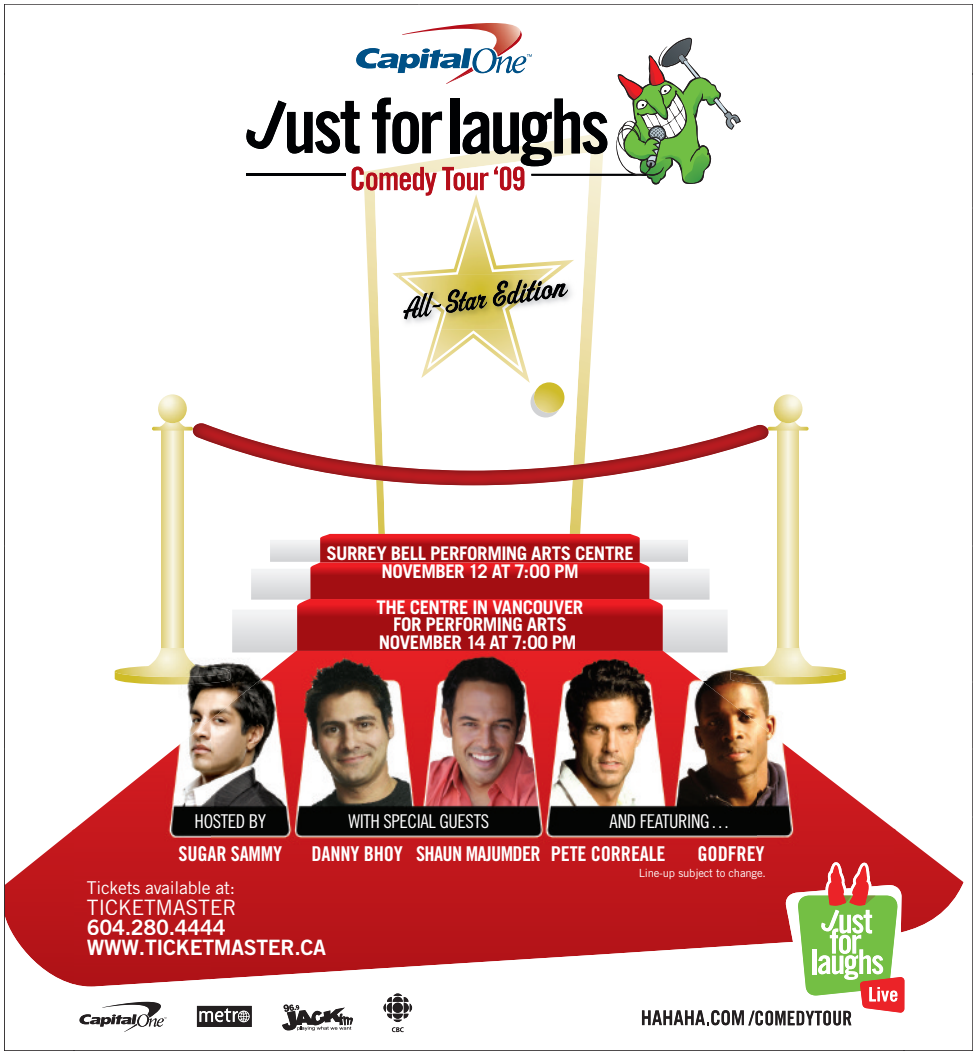
When: Through Oct. 31
Where: Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium's Halloween event features a 4D haunted lighthouse and a spooky scavenger hunt. Come in costume and save 10 per cent at the café and gift shop. Tix: $14 - $22. Children under three are free. Info: 604-659-3474.

Third Annual Celebrity Dim Sum

When: Saturday
Where: Sun Sui Wah Restaurant, 3888 Main St.

The Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS is hosting a bash fundraiser. Info: celebritydimsum.com.



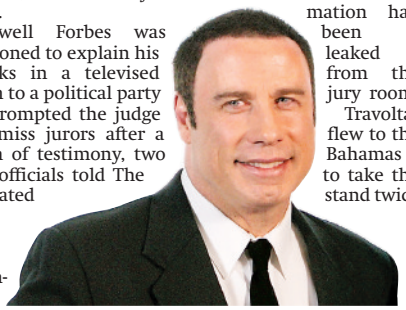
First pick a winner
Melissa Rycroft can cross one thing off her wedding "to do" list: She's picked out her wedding dress. She said it was "the very first dress I saw, the very first dress I tried on, and I love it," usmagazine.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Mistrial plot thickens

COURTS The Bahamas lawmaker who caused a mistrial in the John Travolta extortion case has been ordered to appear before the judge to explain why he announced an acquittal before the jury had declared a verdict, officials said yesterday.

Picewell Forbes was summoned to explain his remarks in a televised speech to a political party that prompted the judge to dismiss jurors after a month of testimony, two court officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue. Judge Anita Allen said she had no choice but to order a new trial because Forbes' remarks Wednesday night gave the appearance that information had been leaked from the jury room.



Travolta flew to the Bahamas to take the stand twice against former Bahamian Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater and a paramedic accused of trying to extort $25 million from him following his autistic son's death at the family home in Grand Bahama last January. Bridgewater resigned her Senate seat after she was charged.

Forbes, who the officials said was scheduled to appear before the judge today, did not respond to requests for comment.

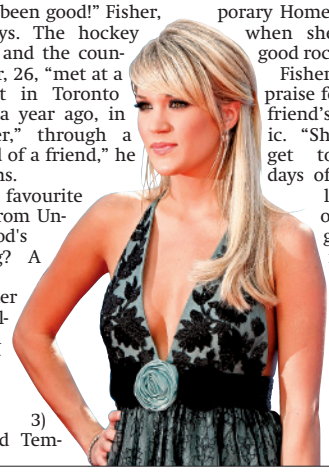
Anthony McKinney, an attorney for the lawmaker, told a local radio his client was merely repeating a rumour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boyfriend dishes on dating Carrie

SUITE TALK What's it like dating an American Idol? Ottawa Senators hockey star Mike Fisher says he and girlfriend Carrie Underwood "always find a way to make it work" despite their hectic schedules in a video interview with NHL Online, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's been good!" Fisher, 29, says. The hockey player and the country star, 26, "met at a concert in Toronto about a year ago, in October," through a "friend of a friend," he explains.

His favourite song from Underwood's catalog? A track from her new album Play On (out Nov. 3) called Temporary Home. "I like it when she sings a good rock song."



Fisher has high praise for his girlfriend's work ethic. "She doesn't get too many days off — a lot less days off than I get," he notes. METRO WORLD NEWS

Dad didn't buy Amy's boobs

AMY PAYS FOR HER OWN BODY PARTS Mitch Winehouse says daughter Amy Winehouse is doing well — or at least parts of her are.

When asked by ITV's This Morning how his famously troubled daughter is holding up, Mitch said, "Fantastic, fantastic. Her boobs are great as well."

Winehouse reportedly spent $56,000 US on a breast augmentation surgery though her dad doesn't know where she got the money.

"I didn't have to pay for it, that's all I know," he said. "Whenever I see her, she says, 'Dad can you give me a couple of hundred.' (But) I didn't have to pay for the boobs." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Lindsay's belated bottles

NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE Lindsay Lohan got quite a surprise while partying it up at New York club 10ak when a team of waiters approached her table hoisting champagne and sparklers and the DJ announced it was "23 bottles of Cristal for Lindsay Lohan's 23rd birthday," according to Page Six.

Not that Lohan doesn't love a good party, but the celebration was misguided. "I don't know why they are doing this," she said. "My birthday is July 2nd." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong has a tough time with his anti-doping blood test and Nicole Richie leads a pretty exciting life.

• @lancearmstrong
Glad to see USADA brought the rank amateurs to do the blood draw. Arms look like a junkie now and they didn't get their sample. Lame.

• @nicolerichie
Going to spend my evening watching Melrose Place. Who's with me?

Photog lawsuit settles with Brit

NO DETAILS Another court battle is done for Britney Spears, who settled a lawsuit with a photographer who claimed she ran over his foot in 2007. A notice of settlement was filed in L.A. earlier this week, according to People magazine, though the terms of the agreement were not released. The complaining photographer, Ricardo Mendoza, had originally sought more than $200,000 from Spears. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Chris Brown admits he regrets 'every moment'

A LOT TO LEARN Chris Brown is still learning from his mistakes, femalefirst.co.uk reports

The singer gave a candid interview on US radio, where he spoke about his regret at assaulting former girlfriend Rihanna in February, and told how he is trying his best to make amends.

He said: "I'm human. If people feel a certain way, I'm not going to say they're wrong. But it's not right to judge somebody when people make mistakes all the time.

"I've learned from my mistakes and I'm learning from them. And I regret every moment, every second of it."

Brown, 20, also admitted he is still not over Rihanna, and still has strong feelings for her.

He added in an interview with New York radio station Hot 97: "We've been friends since I was like 15, we got serious when I was like 17.

"Feelings are feelings and they don't go away overnight, especially if you sit down and are like, 'Look, I'm going to really be in this relationship with you, whatever the case, past our busy schedules, past us being two of the biggest artists.' I really care about her." METRO WORLD NEWS

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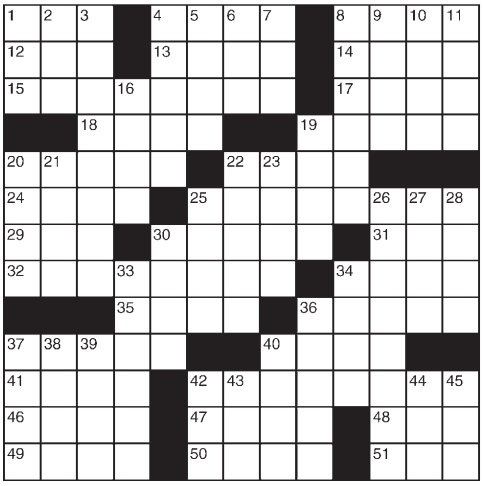

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	9		2		8		4	
4			5		1			8
	6			7			5	
		6				9		
5	3						7	1
		8				4		
	8			2			1	
1			4		3			6
	7		8		6		2	

ACROSS

1 Curved line
4 Sheltered
8 Use as an example
12 "Phooey!"
13 Folder's locale
14 Hebrew month
15 Workers' jargon
17 "West Side Story" gang
18 Loading site
19 Friars Club event
20 Shocking weapon
22 False god
24 Responsibility
25 Accelerator
29 Inseparable
30 Suggest as a theory
31 Bat stat
32 Company's promotional souvenir, often
34 Versifier
35 Smacks
36 Profundity
37 Wild
40 High point
41 Racetrack shape
42 Curbside octagon
46 Krupa or Simmons
47 Woody's son
48 One of the brass (Abbr.)
49 Fit of peevishness
50 Beer ingredient
51 Trivia whiz Jennings

DOWN

1 Tummy muscles
2 "Go team!"
3 Chinese entree
4 Following
5 Storyteller
6 Building wing
7 "A mouse!"
8 Wheedle
9 Thought
10 Body artworks, for short
11 Once, old-style
16 Slapstick arsenal
19 Engrossed
20 Snatched
21 Actress Hathaway
22 Foundation
23 A — apple
25 Capricorn
26 Gridiron ploy
27 Help a hood
28 Rock (Suff.)
30 Dr. McGraw
33 Home in the Alps
34 Carrots' mates
36 Station
37 Clouds (up)
38 Squared
39 Hindu princess
40 Survey
42 Muppet eagle
43 La-la lead-in
44 "Gosh!"
45 — compos mentis

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	6	3	5	8	7	1	4	9
7	9	1	2	6	4	3	8	5
8	5	4	9	3	1	7	2	6
1	2	8	4	9	3	5	6	7
3	7	6	1	2	5	4	9	8
5	4	9	6	7	8	2	1	3
6	8	5	7	1	2	9	3	4
4	3	2	8	5	9	6	7	1
9	1	7	3	4	6	8	5	2

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Garlic Lime Chicken

INGREDIENTS:
1/2 cup (125 ml) lime juice
1/4 cup (50 ml) cider vinegar
6 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh oregano or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano
1 tbsp (15 ml) dried coriander
2 tsp (10 ml) pepper
1 tsp (5 l) salt
1 tsp (5 l) paprika
8 bone-in chicken breast halves
1/4 cup (50 ml) canola oil

METHOD:
1. In large resealable plastic bag, combine lime juice, vinegar, garlic and seasonings; add chicken. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.
2. Discard marinade. In skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil. Transfer to greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 F (190 C) 30-35 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C) and juices run clear.

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a time of personal and professional challenges and what you decide over the next few days will have consequences.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
With the Sun about to enter your opposite sign of Scorpio, a certain amount of resistance is to be expected in the weeks ahead.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Find ways to make life easier for yourself. If you don't you could come under increasing pressure over the next few days as your workload increases.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making this one of the best times of the year to stretch yourself creatively.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You need to be more sensitive to loved ones' wishes. Try to understand why they think and feel and act the way they do.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The pace of life is about to move up a gear. No doubt you are raring to get started on all those big ideas but pace yourself.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun moves into the area of your chart today that governs what you own. You need to think about consolidating what you have gained.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
The Sun moves into your birth sign today and a busy new solar year begins. Don't worry if your energy levels are a bit low at the moment.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You are not always as confident as you look and there are reasons to believe you have come close to cracking of late, but you are still in there fighting.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you need help of any kind today just ask those around you. What you do with other people will go a lot better than what you do on your own.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart will do your reputation a power of good over the next few days.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your number one objective now must be to maintain the highest standards of behavior, both in your personal life and in your work.

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1694: American colonial forces, led by Sir William Phipps, fail to seize Quebec.
1850: The first National Women's Rights Convention is begun in Worcester, Massachusetts.
1867: Seventy-two Senators are summoned by Royal Proclamation to serve as the first members of the Canadian Senate.
1915: In New York City, up to 33,000 women march on Fifth Avenue to advocate their right to vote.

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